

REMARKS

Applicants' attorney thanks Examiner Kathy Whirley (spelling?) for contacting him by telephone on 8 June 2010 regarding the status of this patent application. When Applicant filed the original PCT US National Phase patent application, Applicant submitted a Preliminary Amendment making formalistic changes to the claims. However, apparently, the USPTO subsequently received documents from WIPO that included the original claims. Under USPTO rules, the Examiner is required to consider the subsequently received, unamended claims rather than the claims as amended in the Preliminary Amendment. Therefore, Applicant is submitting this Supplemental Preliminary Amendment to address this situation. The amendments to the claims herein mirror the amendments to the claims in the Preliminary Amendment dated 28 April 2006, with the exception of Claim 27, which now includes the deletion of the dashes by [[-]]. No new matter has been added

The claims have been amended to remove multiple dependencies and multiple-multiple dependencies and to place them in the style preferred by the USPTO. No new matter has been added. Applicant reserves the right to add additional claims at a later date to recoup any subject matter removed by the removal of the multiple and multiple-multiple dependencies.

CONCLUSION

Applicant submits that the claims are in condition for examination and allowance and respectfully requests such actions. If the examiner has any questions that can be resolved over the telephone, the examiner is invited to contact the below-signed attorney of record.

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